

**Tena koutou! Malo e Lelei! Fakalofa Lahi Atu! Talofa lava! Kia orana! Bula Vinaka!  
Namaste! Kumusta! Rojbas! Hola! Salam Alaikum! Hai! Xin chào! Ayubowan!**

*Term 4 - 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 - Newsletter 19*

### Tena Koutou Whanau

As this is our final newsletter for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting your children and the school, this year.

It has been a busy year of implementing new initiatives, strengthening relationships with students and whanau and academic learning. It has been great seeing parents chatting in the mornings and afternoons and whanau relationships being established this year. We have been fortunate to see more whanau getting involved in our school, helping with school camp and school trips, attending whanau meetings, school assemblies and school events and helping in our school garden. Thank you for your support in the best interests of our students. Keep a lookout for how you be involved next year!

**Celebrating our Learners Event 2023** – It was a great way to honour and celebrate our students last week, after a year of hard work, perseverance, and success. All students achieved learning milestones and gained confidence on the way. Great memories for families were made as they celebrated their children on stage with cultural gifts. Congratulations to all students. You should feel proud of the effort you put in this year!

### FAREWELL YEAR 6 STUDENTS

We farewell our Year 6 students who leave us for Intermediate next year. Despite the weather, you braved the cold and enjoyed your end of year shared lunch and water fight yesterday, with an ice cream from Mr Whippy, to top off your day, thanks to Mrs Webster. Some of you have been with Onepoto School since you were 5 years old. We have valued our time with you and have seen you strengthen as outstanding and successful Onepoto learners. I am so proud of the resilience you have shown to become the best you can be. It has been a privilege! Best wishes at Intermediate and in the future. Come back and visit.

**STAFF FAREWELLS** – We farewell Mrs Prithvi Leathart who steps down from her fulltime teaching role to a reliever role next year. Mrs Leathart was our part time teacher for CRT release this year and became the teacher for our NE/Year 1 class, earlier in Term 3 when Whaea Diane went on leave. Mrs Leathart's wealth of experience has seen her class become confident and independent learners. Thank you, Mrs Leathart, and best wishes for next year.

Mrs Beattie was our amazing part-time teacher this year for CRT release across the school, who went on camp and organised sports and outdoor activities in the Senior school. Mrs Beattie takes up a fulltime teaching position at Northcote Intermediate School next year. Thank you, Mrs Beattie, for an awesome year and we wish you well in your new role.

Mrs Al-Sinawi, Mrs A to our students, worked part-time with us this term in Onewa Hapori. Mrs A did leadership release for Mrs Findlay-Clarke 2 days a week. Mrs A will continue as a reliever next year to ensure she can still enjoy time with her family and travel. Thank you, Mrs A.

Mrs Findlay-Clarke finishes at the end of Term 1 next year in 2024, to become the new Deputy Principal at Oteha Valley School in Albany. Congratulations Mrs Findlay-Clarke on your next leadership journey.

**Studios and Hapori for 2023:** Next year we will finally move into our four learning studios! This is a big milestone for us as our school continues to grow. Each studio is a *Hapori*, which means family, community or group. Each Hapori has one or two-year levels with one or two teachers. Some Hapori have whanau groups within them. Learning assistants help Hapori with in-class support and intervention programmes.

*Our Hapori for 2023:*

Hapori	Year level	Teacher/s
Onewa Hapori	New Entrant & Year 1	Whaea Diane
Awataha Hapori	Year 2	Mrs Findlay Clarke – Term 1
Pupuke Hapori	Year 3 & Year 4	Whaea Rangimarie – Y3 Whaea Sandra - Y4
Rangitoto Hapori	Year 5 & 6	Miss Maya

**2023 –Meet the Teacher Day and Goal Setting Interviews to start the Year**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

We will start 2024 with *Meet the Teacher Day for students in NE/Year 1 and Year 2* and *Goal Setting Interviews for students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6*. This is a new initiative to start the year better prepared with whanau. This is an opportunity for whanau and the school to reconnect after the holidays and to get to know each other. It is also a time to share information and ask questions about your child’s learning, attendance or the school.

- *Meet the Teacher Day for NE/Year 1 and Year 2* **starts at 10am to 2pm.** *No appointment needed. Casual.*
- *Goal Setting Interviews for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6* **starts at 8:30am to 2pm.** **You must book a time.** *Please complete the Interview form and return to school as soon as possible.*

These will be held for one day at school. Normal classes **will not run** on this day and students are not required at school; however, students will still need to attend their interview with their parent/caregiver.

**If you are unable to make this day, another date can be made with your child’s teacher.**

The meeting will last **10 minutes** and will be held in your child’s studio.

*From our Onepoto School team to you, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and blessings for the season.  
Take care over the holidays. Play safe!*



*Mrs Latoa-Levi - Proud Principal of this amazing little school!*



**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**DUE TO OUR LOCAL SUPPLIER FINISHING EARLY THERE WILL BE NO LUNCHES PROVIDED ON FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AND MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023.**



# CELEBRATING OUR YEAR!





## School Notices:

### NEW ENROLMENTS

If you have pre-school children who will turn 5 years old at any time or you are wanting to enrol older children, please contact our Office Manager Ms Konia at the Office for an Enrolment Pack. This helps us to plan for staffing and classes. (09) 480-7469.

**Our Office opens on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 9am.**

**Absences or Messages Line- ph. - 022 5193610** - Please call or text if your child is absent from school. Alternatively, you can still call the school office on 09 480-7469.

### Dates for your Diary:

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Last day of term 1pm
<b>2024</b>	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	School Office opens
*Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Meet the Teacher Day NE, Year 1 and Year 2    10am – 2pm Goal Setting Interviews Years 3, 4, 5 and 6    8:30am – 2pm
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	All students return

### Term dates for 2024

**TERM 1:** Wednesday 31<sup>ST</sup> January – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**TERM 2:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**TERM 3:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**TERM 4:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024

